

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title ("ELEVATOR TOE GUARD"), please add the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. National Stage patent application of International Patent Application No. PCT/IB2004/000676, which international application was filed on March 9, 2004 and which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-17 (numbered lines 8-20) as follows:

An elevator toe guard extends downwardly from the lower front sill of an elevator car. The toe guard is an important safety feature since it provides a barrier ~~between-between~~ a landing and the hoistway when the car is not aligned with the landing. For example should the car become trapped between floors, a toe guard reduces the danger of a person attempting to rescue the passengers, or the passengers themselves, falling into the hoistway. It would also prevent the possibility of a passenger's foot becoming trapped between the underneath of the elevator car and the edge of the landing if for any reason the landing doors are opened before the car is properly aligned with the floor of the landing.

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 2-17 as follows:

The toe guard member 10 is mounted to the door sill bracket 2 by a series of six rearwardly projecting threaded studs which are riveted to the front face of the toe guard member 10 and which move along corresponding slots. Thus a pair of studs 12 project rearwardly from close to the top edge of the toe guard plate 10 and travel within corresponding slots formed in the vertical portion 6 of the door sill bracket. Middle and lower pairs of studs 16, 18 project into corresponding pairs of vertical slots 20, 22 formed in two vertically extending brackets 24 riveted to corresponding ~~sill to sill~~-bracket gussets 8. Plastic bushings 26 are provided around each of the studs 12, 16, 18 thereby preventing direct metal to metal contact between the rear face of the toe guard member 10 and the respective brackets 6, 24.